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**GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

Dated the 1st June, 2026

EPA/SEC/O/260601/0058

ORDER

492/PA/DG/EPA/2026

**ORDER U/S 6(1)(T) OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1997 FOR
CONTROL OF BIRD HAZARDS NEAR ISLAMABAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

WHEREAS, under Section 2(xxxv) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, “waste” means any substance or object which has been, is being or is intended to be, discarded or disposed of, and includes liquid waste, solid waste, waste gases, suspended waste, industrial waste, agricultural waste, nuclear waste, municipal waste, hospital waste, used polyethylene bags and residues from the incineration of all types of waste;

2. **AND WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 2(1)(a) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, “adverse environmental effect” means impairment of, or damage to, the environment and includes impairment of, or damage to, human health and safety or to biodiversity or property;

3. **AND WHEREAS**, under Section 6(1)(n), the Environmental Protection Agency may assist the local councils, local authorities, Government Agencies and other persons to implement schemes for the proper disposal of wastes to ensure compliance with the standards established by it;

4. **AND WHEREAS**, a similar situation regarding bird hazards in the vicinity of airports had previously arisen in Lahore, whereby the Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab vide Order No. 283/PA/DG/EPA/2025 dated 09.07.2025 imposed regulatory and preventive measures for control of bird hazards near Allama Iqbal International Airport, Lahore in order to mitigate risks of bird-aircraft collisions and ensure aviation safety;

5. **AND WHEREAS**, the Airport Manager, Pakistan Airports Authority, Islamabad International Airport vide letter No. IIAP/1766-01/047/ISAS dated 30.03.2026 has proposed declaration of Bird Attractant Free Zone around Islamabad International Airport and identified the following areas for mitigation of bird hazards and reduction of bird strike risks;

i. Low Risk/ Low consequence Zone

Orientation	Locality Name	Latitude	Longitude
East	Dhok Jummen, Pind Dadu	33°31'45.45"N	72°57'58.63"E
South East	Capital Smart City, Maira Kalan	33°27'3.54"N	72°54'20.62"E
South	Mandwal, Dhari Rai Ditta	33°25'55.35"N	72°47'55.10"E
South West	Ratwal	33°28'47.21"N	72°42'26.15"E
West	Thatti Gujran, Seven Wonders City	33°34'21.53"N	72°41'2.63"E
North West	Qutbal, Thatta Khalil	33°38'23.57"N	72°43'56.72"E

ii. **High Risk/ Low consequence Zone:**

Orientation	Locality Name	Latitude	Longitude
North	Mumtaz City-Fazaia Housing Scheme	33°35'34.53"N	72°50'7.96"E
South	Gangal	33°30'16.99"N	72°48'47.62"E
Runway 28 End (Rawalpindi Side)	Thallian	33°32'55.48"N	72°52'48.73"E
	Ghariba	33°31'47.57"N	72°52'29.17"E
	Dhok Chathianwali	33°33'12.97"N	72°58'1.67"E
	Al-Haram City	33°30'8.76"N	72°57'26.83"E
Runway 10 End Fateh Jang Side	Kaniyal	33°33'53.45"N	72°46'29.39"E
	Thatti Gujran	33°32'46.88"N	72°46'17.15"E
	Garhi Hassu Khan	33°35'38.51"N	72°41'35.81"E
	Seven Wonders City	33°32'30.57"N	72°40'57.12"E

6. **AND WHEREAS**, the rationale for declaration of "No Bird Zone" mentioned above is based on the following grounds:

Bird strikes pose a serious safety risk to aircrafts, especially during takeoff, landing, and low-altitude operations. Such strikes can lead to catastrophic engine failure, loss of life, and aircraft crashes as tragically seen in aviation incidents worldwide. Lahore is surrounded by dense urban habitats, slaughterhouses, open garbage dumps, and unauthorized bird feeding or poultry activities, which significantly attract and increase bird concentration near flight paths, heightening the risk of bird-aircraft collisions.

7. **AND WHEREAS**, under Section 6(1)(r), the Environmental Protection Agency may specify safeguards for the prevention of accidents and disasters which may cause pollution, collaborate with the concerned person in the preparation of contingency plans for control of such accidents and disasters, and co-ordinate implementation of such plans;

8. **AND WHEREAS**, Section 6(1)(t) of the ibid Act empowers EPA to take or cause to be taken all necessary measures for the protection, conservation, rehabilitation and improvement of the environment, prevention and control of pollution and promotion of sustainable development;

9. **NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Imran Hamid Sheikh (PAS), Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under Section 6(1)(t) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, and in pursuance of the request conveyed by the Pakistan Airports Authority, Islamabad International Airport vide letter No. IIAP/1766-01/047/ISAS

dated 30.03.2026, do hereby order the following measures to be taken in the notified Bird Attractant Free Zones around Islamabad International Airport for mitigation of bird hazards and prevention of bird-aircraft collisions:

i. The following activities are hereby banned:

- a. Open dumping of garbage, food waste, offal or slaughter remains;
- b. Unauthorized poultry farms or bird breeding facilities;
- c. Feeding of pigeons or birds in large public gatherings or religious shrines;
- d. Establishment of bird-attracting businesses (slaughterhouses, tandoors, bakeries) without proper waste management;
- e. Unregulated rooftop grain scattering and bird and animal feeding;
- f. Placement of uncovered waste collection bins;

ii. There shall be complete ban on processing of cases of Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) or Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for controlled poultry farms, hatchery, livestock, stud and fish farms, tanneries and leather units (involved in manual processing of raw hides in open spaces), poultry waste processing units and slaughterhouses within the notified "Bird Attractant Free Zone".

iii. The concerned authorities shall conduct regular inspections and monitoring in the notified areas to ensure implementation of the above directions.

Any violation of this Order shall attract penal action under the provisions of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997 and other applicable laws.



(DR. IMRAN HAMID SHEIKH)
DIRECTOR GENERAL
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to the:-

- 1) Secretary
Environment Protection and Climate Change Department
- 2) Secretary
Local Government and Community Development Department
- 3) ***The Commissioner, Rawalpindi***
- 4) ***The Deputy Commissioner, Rawalpindi***
- 5) ***The Cantt. Executive Officer, Rawalpindi Cantt.***

- 6) ***The Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Islamabad International Airport, Lahore***
- 7) ***The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore***
- 8) ***The Additional Secretary (Coordination), Chief Minister Office, Lahore.***
- 9) Member , (Environment and Climate Change Wing)
P&D Board
- 10) ***The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab***
- 11) ***The Additional Director Generals (Ops & Imp.), EPA HQs, Lahore.***
- 12) ***The Director (EIA), EPA Punjab (with the direction to ensure implementation of 9(ii))***
- 13) ***All the Directors, EPA HQs Punjab***
- 14) Deputy Director , (EPA Rawalpindi)
Environmental Protection Agency
- 15) ***with direction to enforce 9 (ii) & 9 (iii) & coordinate with relevant Authorities for implementation***
- 16) ***PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D Board, Punjab.***
- 17) Deputy Director , (SAW)
Environmental Protection Agency